



Request for Council/Committee Action from the Office of City Clerk

Date: March 29, 2012

To: The Hon. Cam Gordon, Chair
Elections Committee

Subject: Designation of city wards

Recommendation: Receive and file the ward boundary plan as adopted by the Minneapolis Charter Commission.

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Background: Pursuant to the requirements of Minnesota Statutes §204B.135, subd. 1, and consistent with the provisions of Minneapolis City Charter, Chapter 1 §3, the Minneapolis Charter Commission is responsible for establishing ward boundaries following the decennial census. The Charter Commission, with the assistance of a nine-member advisory group, collectively known as the Redistricting Group, received the 2010 census data, as determined by the United States Census Bureau using census tracts and blocks, and worked over the course of several months to evaluate, propose, refine, and finalize new ward boundaries as required by law. The final ward boundary plan was adopted by the Charter Commission at a special meeting called for that purpose on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at City Hall. The adopted ward boundary plan was filed by the Charter Commission with the City Clerk, as required under City Charter, Chapter 1, Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby transmitting that adopted plan to the City Council to be received and filed with the official records of the City of Minneapolis.

Financial Impact: None.

Community Impact: New wards have been established by the Minneapolis Charter Commission. Those wards become effective at the time of the next regularly scheduled municipal election, scheduled for November 2013. There is an overlapping period of time when the current wards, as adopted in 2002, remain in effect despite the adoption of a new ward boundary plan that will become effective in November 2013.

Supporting Documentation: See attached resolution, ward maps, and statistical data adopted by the Minneapolis Charter Commission at its special meeting conducted Tuesday, March 27, 2012.